

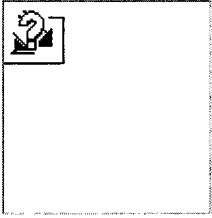
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Re: Sony sees world with less Windows

- > The technology would enable people to
- > communicate ... without going through a
- > computer or an operating system such as
- > Microsoft Windows.

The only way anyone can compete with Microsoft is by fragmenting the computing infrastructure. Had the USA promoted an open standard OS, then all infrastructure would be compatible. By refusing to force the standard commodity OS into the public domain where it belongs, the free market radicals have forced competition and compatibility to be mutually exclusive. Fantastically asinine.



"You want competition and compatibility both? That is like having cake and eat it too, dummy..."